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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John L. Sotomayor

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION***Double Patenting***

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claim 1 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,466. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 1 of the published patent encompasses all of the functionality recited in claim 1 of the instant application and supplies more structure not recited in said application claim 1. It would have been obvious to derive the broader functionality recited in application claim 1 from the more detailed steps recited in claim 1 of the published patent.

Claim 11 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,466. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 14 of the published patent encompasses all of the functionality recited in claim 11 of the instant application and supplies more structure not recited in said application claim 11. It would

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have been obvious to derive the broader functionality recited in application claim 11 from the more detailed steps recited in claim 14 of the published patent.

Claims 2-10 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,466. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because all of the structural limitations recited in claims 2-10 of the instant application are presented as limitations in claims 2-12 of the published patent with the exception of the target software system including instructions for operating at least one graphic software. However, claim 12 of the published patent presents the limitation of demonstration software capable of producing a multimedia presentation including graphic and animation images. Therefore, it would have been obvious to provide a target software system including instructions for operating at least one graphic software to display multimedia presentations that include graphic and animation images.

Claims 12-20 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 15-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,466. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because all of the structural limitations recited in claims 12-20 of the instant application are presented as limitations in claims 15-25 of the published patent with the exception of the target software system including instructions for operating at least one graphic software. However, claim 25 of the published patent presents the limitation of demonstration software capable of producing a multimedia presentation including graphic and animation images. Therefore, it would have been obvious to provide a target software system including instructions for operating

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at least one graphic software to display multimedia presentations that include graphic and animation images.

Conclusion

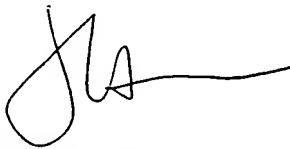
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John L Sotomayor whose telephone number is 703-305-4558.

The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-4:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's ^{Primary} supervisor, Jessica Harrison can be reached on 703-308-2217. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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